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SEIZURE OF BANNED DRUGS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the banned drug, Amphetamine tablets is entering in the country through North-East of the country via Myanmar Border in large quantities;

(b) if so, the number of seizures of this tablets made by the BSF and other enforcement agencies during the current year alongwith its quantity and value thereof; and

(c) The immediate steps taken by the Government to check the smuggling of this drug into the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF FINANCE(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) Sir, Reports of Amphetamine/ Methamphetamine tables entering the country through the Myanmar border have been received.

(b) As reported by the various drug law enforcement agencies, during the year 2000 (upto November) there have been 12 cases of seizures in which 1144 gms. or 2140 tablets were seized. The approximate assessed international market value/street price as reported by the seizing agencies is Rs.2 crore.

(c) Significant steps taken by the Government of India to ensurethat smuggling of this drug is not allowed into the country include notifying the precursor chemicals ephedrine and pseudoephedrine used in the manufacture of Amphetamine/ Methamphetamine tablets as `controlled substances` under the NDPS Act, constant vigil, stepping up of enforcement efforts,gearing up of intelligence machinery, vesting of powers in BSF and Coast Guards under the Customs Act to interdict drugs onthe border, entering into of a comprehensive bilateral agreement by the Government of India with the Government ofUnion of Myanmar for reducing demand and preventing illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, holding of quarterly coordination meeting attended by all enforcement agencies in drug law enforcement at the highest level, providing drug sniffer dogs and training of dog handlers of Myanmar and stringent action under NDPS Act against persons arrested for drug trafficking.